

Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska
March 15, 1943

Dr. E. B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett,

Surely do thank you and the Board for the additional grant that we received. The next few months might have been pretty hard for us, but now everything is just going to be fine. We were able to take care of income tax, life insurance, etc. and send a little to Ralph and Sarah Lillian to help out with their baby's operation--and that last meant a lot to us. So we do appreciate it a great deal.

I expect Dad has told you already---Ruth is already calling me "Papa"--we expect the arrival sometime late in June. We're very pleased and already beginning to be excited when we think about it. Ruth has been feeling pretty well. But we have had callers two and three times a day, every day for the past two or three months, and finally the doctor ordered Ruth to drop everything. So she has had to put a sign on the door saying no callers from one to four in the afternoon, and drop all church doings except the choir. That has been in effect for the past week and already she feels much better. We're hoping to get her mother through sometime in June. I talked to the travel control officer here and he said that he thought we could arrange it. Dr. Wilson will write a note explaining the shortage of good help and adequate nursing, and I think it will work out all right if it doesn't get lost in red tape.

Presbytery meets the first of April in Juneau. We still hope to see you here. I think Mr. Swogger has made arrangements with Ted Benson for the "Theo" and we'll be leaving here around the 29th. Hope you can make it here and go up with us--or if not, fly to Juneau and then come back with us.

Beginning the 28th, we are to broadcast one morning service each month. The other churches will have the other Sundays. The radio station is quite friendly to our church and arranged it so that we will have the Easter broadcast too. Our weekly program is well received and has been very encouraging.

Last Sunday morning, for no particular reason we had a full church. The largest congregation, excepting special occasions, that we have ever had. The large percentage of the group was white. Our evening services are still mostly all native and the attendance there is a bit smaller, but I think this is due to the fact that more of them are coming in the morning.

We had some very severe weather in January and practically every building in town was froubled with frozen water pipes.

We were no exception. Our oil burner in the furnace ceased all efforts on Sunday morning, the second day of the cold spell, and with no heat in the building for three days, all the pipes, radiators, return lines, in fact the whole system froze. We had to miss all services on that first Sunday, the next Sunday we held services in a small S.S. room with electric heaters. By the third week we were in fair shape, but the plumbers were so busy that it was a month before all repairs were made. We had a comparatively small loss; a few sections of pipe, two radiators (which are yet to be repaired), most of the trouble was in thawing the lines. It finally took three of us with blowtorches working at once. Our old burner had been worn out for several years anyway. We had been planning for a new burner for the month previous, but were unable to get just what we needed. So when we found a burner that would serve satisfactorily we put it in, the price was \$200.00 installed. It is a used burner, but is in good shape and carries a new burner guarantee, and is automatically controlled. We are all quite pleased with it. Our total bill, including burner, was \$271.00. I think we will be able to handle all of it, and hope to be clear by summer, if all goes well.

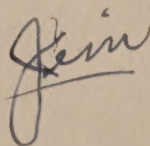
I am enclosing a check for \$15.00 to complete our pledge to the Board. We had hoped to do more than this, but due to the necessary repairs were not able to. I am enclosing also a check for the Wartime Service Commission. This represents our Christmas offering, rather the offering received at the Christmas service. The session felt that this would be a fitting place for it. Would you see that it reaches the proper place, please?

Have heard nothing more concerning Palmer, so assume that the matter is still pending action. We still will be glad to go wherever you think we can serve best as soon as we can. However, I hardly think it would be wise for us to plan to move before October, or possibly September.

The traveling Sheldon Jackson team visited us the first of March and were a great help to us. It was a real pleasure to have them with us, and they were a real asset spiritually and also were ~~an~~ excellent publicity for the school. John Holic and Art Bily are such as we are proud and thankful to have representing our church--anywhere.

Thank you again for the "extra". Ruth joins with me in sending our best to you and Ruth King. And were expecting you sometime--the sooner the better. The latchstring is away out.

Sincerely,



in 725

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My

Monday morning

(Wed Apr 28)

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D/King

Supplement to report for Feb. 15 to March 15.

On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, the Ketchikan church was visited by the Metlakatla Prayer Meeting group. This was much like the preaching missions that have been held in the states in recent years. The visitors took over the services of the day, with the co-operation of the pastor. The Women's Missionary Society provided a bountiful dinner and refreshments after the evening service. A fine spirit was shown throughout and the spirit blessed the meetings for at the days close 31 people had reconsecrated their lives. The speaking was done in both Tsimpsian and English with a few phrases of Thlinget. The day's collection was given to pay for the charter of the boat which brought the group.

The men of the community have undertaken to build a large play shed for the children where they will be protected from the frequent rain, and will be safely off the street. The work has gone very well. The funds for the material came through the Social Service agency here in town. The pastor gave several days of his labor, as did the Salvation Army man.

The adult choir has been meeting regularly the past 2 months endeavoring to be ready with special music for Easter. However progress has been slow, the general uncertainty in these times seeming to be felt in this especially. During the past month we have been able to have a choir and special music for our evening services and this has been encouraging to all.

The Junior Choir has proceeded with interest on the part of the children being sustained. They have taken part in all the morning services and have contributed in a substantial way to an increased attendance. Their number has varied greatly due to many cases of mumps, measles, and flu. We hope the coming Spring will bring general better health.

Boys group continues to grow and exert its influence among the youngsters. They have played one basketball game with the cub scouts of the Episcopal church, and came through on the large end of a top heavy score. A return game is scheduled for this coming week.

Preparation for Easter is under way in all groups of the church and a fine spirit is being manifested by all. Recently it became necessary to conduct a minor financial drive and the results were entirely satisfactory despite the fact that for the fishermen money is scarce at this time of year.

Respectfully,

James W. Hall

March 25, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. James W. Hall
Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your good letter of March 15. It was most interesting to read, and I was delighted to get the first hand reports from you. I have heard from your Dad relative to Mrs. Clark making the trip to Ketchikan, and am delighted that she can make the journey. I have written to her commissioning her as a lay worker in Alaska and am assigning her to the Ketchikan Church.

It is not going to be possible for me to make the meeting of the Presbytery as I had hoped that I might, but I am still planning to make the journey sometime in the summer. The Palmer situation has closed up so far as you are concerned. After considering all sides of the situation, I do not feel that it would be fair to you or the church in Ketchikan to see you make the transfer within the next few months. Accordingly, I scratched you off the list. I am sure that you feel that this was wise.

Thank you for the check^{encs} enclosed in your letter. The \$15.00 check has been sent in as part of your church's contribution to the National Missions, and the other check has been given over to the War-Time Service Commission.

I think it very wise for your church to assume the obligation, if possible, of paying for the new burner. Although, I shall be more than glad to help you out if you find that it is not possible for the congregation to see the matter through. It seems to me though that the Board ought not to over help the churches, as it is as bad for them as under help. I shall be thinking about and praying for Ruth during the days ahead. May the good Lord see you through.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

*Please Return
to
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Ketchikan, Alaska
April 11, 1943

*must have been
waiting for this
information re fire
for Insurance people*

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett,

When I returned from Presbytery I found your letter here. Thank you for all you are doing to help Mrs. Clark get here in June. I am afraid we would have rather a difficult time of it, if she could not be here. I am glad too, that the Palmer matter is settled as far as I am concerned. We hated to let the opportunity go by, but thought it best to do so; and now our plans are not quite so tentative.

I had rather a warm homecoming from Presbytery, in fact too warm for comfort. We arrived the morning of the seventh after a rough trip from Juneau. We almost laid over a day because of the weather, and I'm certainly thankful now that we came on through, because Ruth would have been here alone through the fire.

The fire broke out about 3:45 A.M. Thursday, April 8th. The former Young American Laundry, now the Coast Guard Laundry, and the building next to it were completely destroyed. These buildings were just West of the church, that is, towards town. The fire started in the Coast Guard building which is directly adjoining the church. It had quite a good start before it was discovered. We were wakened by shouts of the Coast Guard men as they tried to awaken everyone sleeping there. The upstairs was used as mess hall and barracks for the personnel of the Laundry. Twenty-eight men were stationed there, and of these, three were trapped and perished in the flames. When I first looked out the window, the flames were still confined to the inside of the building. I could see that the room directly across from our bedroom window was filled with flames. I went to the phone and asked the operator if an alarm had been turned in. She replied in the negative and I then turned in the alarm. Within a very few minutes the flames had broken through the roof and the whole building was ablaze. In the meantime I hurried to the roof of our building and tried to size up the situation. There was little wind, which was fortunate, as the whole block might have gone otherwise. As a fire truck drew up to the plug in front of our building I tried to get a line to the roof which was an excellent vantage point from which to fight the fire, and at the same time protect our building. However they had arrived with a truckload of new hose which had different fittings, and they could not hook up. It was about ten or twelve minutes at least before they were throwing water. Once again I tried to get a hose on the roof but was unable to do so. A fireman came and said that our building would surely go, and to come out at once. All this before it was a fire at any place. Ruth had already gone to a neighbor's. I refused to leave and with the help of some of the men of the church, began to remove all the most valuable of our possessions.

By this time it was evident that unless they would bring a hose to the roof and concentrate ^{on} our building that it would burn. The other building was now past any hope, being completely aflame. The lights were ~~be~~ shorted out, our building was filled with smoke, and the side of our building was ablaze. The glass was gone from the windows and the flames were coming through into the bedrooms on that side. It was then that the Coast Guard equipment was brought into play. I received permission from their officer to take one of their lines to the roof, and with two of the men from the church, a coastguardsman, and a city fireman did so. A high point that I will remember occurred ~~was~~ we were taking the hose up. I had the nozzle and was just at the top of the ladder leading to the small trap-door when the water was turned into the ~~the~~ hose. Somehow or another the door had been closed. There was no time to do more than brace myself before the water arrived. I had about four inches headroom in this 2' by 2' opening and water at 250 lbs. per sq. in. on the way! Well it hit, I hung on, and so did everyone else thank goodness, and it literally blew the cover off. Well, we shut it off, and got to the roof, and then really did business with that hose. The flames from the other building were higher than the Federal building and the heat was intense. Our building just ten feet away, was blazing all along that adjacent side, across part of the back, and the roof was smouldering. But with that high pressure we literally wiped the fire from the side of the building, and soon we were out of danger.

The damage to our building is light, comparatively speaking. All the siding on the West side will have to be replaced, and that on a portion of the back wall. The windows, frames and all, will have to be replaced on that side, and three panes of art glass in the rear of the church auditorium are broken. The roof is actually burned only in a very small section, but it was badly cut up by the activities of the firefighters. It is leaking badly in several places. And with your authorization we will plan to fix it as soon as weather permits.

The fire did not burn through the outer wall with the exception of one small place near the top of the building. It did not burn inside except in the little back bedroom, where it destroyed a bed, and some extra clothing, bedding etc. that was on the bed. Of course the window frames are burned on the inside. Most of the damage to the interior is water and smoke damage. The apartment upstairs will have to be redecorated in its entirety except for the kitchen. The church auditorium was considerably stained by water which came through the ceiling from the rooms above. However we are pleased that it is not so bad as to prohibit our holding services in it. As the water dried it left it in much better shape than we had hoped for.

All in all we are very fortunate to have so little damage. The contractor who made the rough estimate thinks the total will be about \$2000.00. This includes extensive repair to the garage, which was between the burning building and the church, and suffered accordingly.

Our personal loss was light. At present we are living in the three front rooms and are quite comfortable. When you come to see us, we'll have a bedroll for you. I am hoping that we can have the repairs completed before June, as Mrs. Clark will be coming, and with another new arrival, the redecorating, constant noise, and moving about would be quite a strain at this time. Ruth came through it all very well; she was wise enough to just move out and go to a neighbor's and go to bed.

As the two damaged sides will have to be painted after the work is done and since we are sadly in need of a paint job over--all, we are going to try to raise enough to have the whole building painted at this time. I think it will probably take about \$200.00 to have this done. We have a rather heavy financial burden just now, with the balance remaining on the oil burner, and are now buying \$95.00 worth of new hymnals. They arrived this week and will be paid for before Easter. Too we have had to renew the oil pump that supplies the stove upstairs, and other minor expenses. Do you think that if we can raise \$100.00, that the Board could grant us the other \$100.00?

With the exception of the roof the building will be left as is until we hear from you, or the insurance company. Materials are scarce, the contractors busy, but I think that we can get the work done as soon as it is authorized. And for reasons which I think you will understand, I am most anxious that it be done before June.

Hope all goes well with you and with your family. Wish you had a radio that could pick up our Easter service, for it will be broadcast from the local station, or wish that you could be here and do the preaching. We will be looking for you one of these days. Until then, Adios

Sincerely,

Jim
James Hall

Ketchikan, Alaska
May 3, 1943

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MAY 10 1943

INSURANCE

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett,

I trust that by now you have my letter giving the details of the fire. It is just possible that it was held up by the censor, though the news was broadcast and given to the papers.

The Coast Guard has opened the formal court of Investigation of the fire, and I have been asked to be present. This will probably take ten days or so, as there are many witnesses to be heard. I do not feel that the Coast Guard was in any way negligent, but if, as a result of the investigation, such is shown to be the case, then the government is liable for the damage to our building.

I am enclosing a copy of the Coast Guard's own report on our building. I think that it is very fair and does cover all damage that is evident. I hope the insurance company will be as reasonable as they have been.

The work on the roof has not yet been completed. The weather is partly to blame, the contractor's many undertakings will account for the rest of the delay.

We had a very successful and happy Easter week. We had 60 present for a Friday night candlelight communion service and received ten new members, seven of them adults. 66 people were up early for the sunrise service Easter Sunday which was followed by breakfast. Our 11 o'clock service was broadcast, and we had about 165 in the congregation. At two o'clock I spoke at the Masonic temple, and at four about thirty of our church people responded to an invitation from Metlakatla to come and hear their choir's Easter cantata. We had a fine time and returned home about 12:30 that night.

We are not sure what the summer will bring, but I look for a great decrease in our churchwork generally. We will lose most of our teachers who have been helping with the S.S. and the choir. Also, -due to the demand for help, everyone will be busier than usual. But we will keep on as best we can and see what happens.

Still hoping to see you this summer.

Sincerely,

Juni Hall

CHURCH

SURVEY OF DAMAGE AT 123 STEINMAN STREET (PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, CAUSED BY FIRE AT 115 STEINMAN STREET,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

Exterior of building:

North side of church (next to laundry building)

Renew siding. 90%

Renew diagonal planking or sheathing. Approximately 20%

Studding to be renewed or auxiliary studding fitted. Approximately 15%

Burnt or blistered paint to be removed and siding refinished.

Approximately 100%

Windows, casings and covering boards renewed.

East end of church (facing creek)

Renew siding and corner cover boards. Approximately 15%

Renew blistered paint and refinish. Approximately 100%

South and west sides of church: No damage.

Roof:

Parapet on north side of church to be rebuilt. Approximately 20%.
(Burnt out by fire.)

Covering and studding gone.

Roof to be retarred and necessary flashing replaced to make water-tight. (Damage caused by men and equipment used in fighting fire at 115 Steinman Street.)

Interior of church.

Lower floor:

Refinish interior of chapel (main hall)

Damage caused by water and smoke.

Renew three (3) window panels in east end of chapel hall. (Damage caused by heat.) Entrance hall to be refinished. (Damage caused by smoke.)

Upper floor:

Refinish all bedrooms (3). Damage caused by smoke and water.)

Windows and casings to be renewed.

Refinish bathroom and renew windows and outside casing or covering board. Damage caused by smoke and water.

Living room, dining room and kitchen to be refinished (all compartments adjoining). Damage caused by smoke.

CHURCH (Cont'd.)

Main hall;

Refinished - damage caused by smoke and water.

Personal equipment;

Bedding in two bedrooms ruined by water and fire.

Material stowed in third bedroom ruined by water. 30% may be salvaged.

Garage:

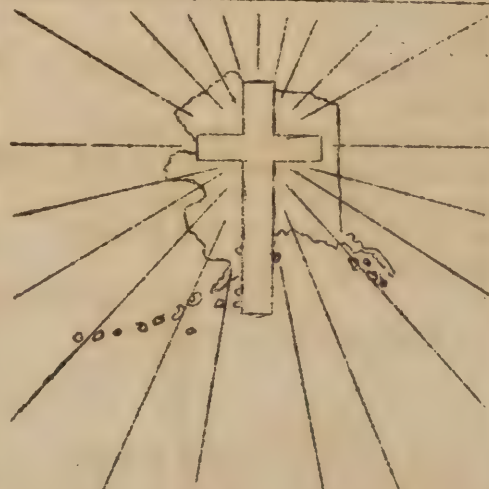
Roof to be replaced and made water tight.

East end of garage to be rebuilt.

Estimated price of repair and refinishing.....\$2500.00

No estimate given for personal loss as no inventory has been taken
by parties concerned.

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF
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"BEFORE THEE
AN OPEN DOOR"

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, 1943
Eleven O'clock
The Order of Service

PIANO PRELUDE Miss Vivian Naimy
CALL TO WORSHIP
DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER
THE GLORIA
RESPONSIVE READING "Security of Trust" No.295
HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" No.251
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
MORNING PRAYER
"Beside Still Water" The Women's Chorus
MORNING OFFERTORY
 Offertory--Miss Naimy
 Presentation--Prayer of Dedication
HYMN "We've a Story to Tell" No.198
SERMON: "The Price of Privilege"
HYMN "He Hideth My Soul" No.17
BENEDICTION, MOMENT OF SILENCE.

FRIEND

You enter this church

Not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who in the name of Jesus Christ builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessing on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labor, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in.

EVENING WORSHIP

Piano Prelude
Doxology
Hymn
Hymn
Reading of the Scripture
Evening Prayer
Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication
Hymn
Sermon by the Pastor
Hymn
Benediction Moment of Silence

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday
7:30 "The Pioneers"
Tuesday
7:30 Junior Choir
Wednesday
3:45 The Junior Girl's Club
7:30 Senior Choir Practice
Thursday
7:00 The Women's Missionary Society

WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH ---- The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the women of Ketchikan in a union service to be held at St. Johns Church Friday, March 12, at 2:30 P.M. Plan to attend.

Remember "Evening Vespers" every night except Sunday over Station KTYN at 9:45. Our church will be on the air every Wednesday.

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Phone Black 256

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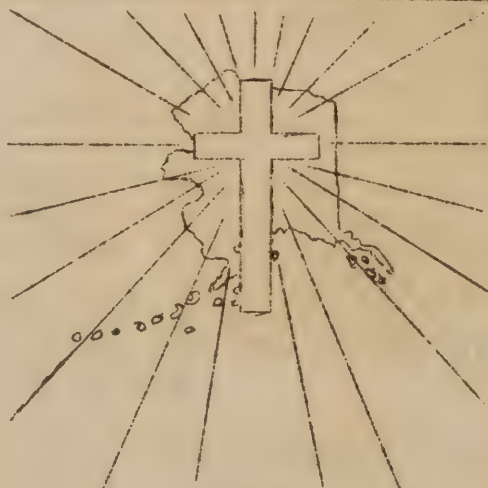
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SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1943
 Eleven O'clock
 The Order of Service

PIANO PRELUDE Miss Vivian Naimy
 CALL TO WORSHIP
 DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER
 THE GLORIA
 RESPONSIVE READING "Praise to God" No. 296
 HYMN "Love Divine" No. 83
 THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
 MORNING PRAYER
 "Whispering Hope" A Duet
 Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Campbell
 MORNING OFFERTORY
 Offertory---Miss Naimy
 Presentation-Prayer of Dedication
 THE PRESENTATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS
 HYMN "More About Jesus" No. 263
 SERMON: "The Quality of Humility" No. 167
 HYMN "Have Thine Own Way Lord"
 BENEDICTION MOMENT OF SILENCE

FRIEND
 You enter this church
 Not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
 Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who
 in the name of Jesus Christ builded this
 place of worship, and to all who have beauti-
 fied it and hallowed it with their prayers
 and praises. Beseech His blessing on those
 who love this home of faith as the inspiration
 of their labor, and may that blessing rest
 on you, both on your going out and on your
 coming in.

EVENING WORSHIP

Piano Prelude Mr. John Reese
 Doxology
 Hymn
 Hymn
 Reading of the Scripture
 Evening Prayer
 Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication
 Hymn
 Sermon by the Pastor
 Hymn
 Benediction Moment of Silence

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH

Monday: 7:30 "The Pioneers"
 Tuesday 7:30 Junior Choir
 Wednesday 3:45 Junior Girl's Club--Miss Giblin,
 7:30 Senior Choir Practice (Leader)
 Thursday 7:00-11:00 Coffee Sale

Plan to attend the Missionary Societies' Coffee
 Sale Thursday night!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held
 at 8:30 P.M. Sunday, March 28th.

Through the courtesy of KTKN we will broad-
 cast our morning service the fourth Sunday of
 every month, beginning March 28th.

The Session will meet after the Evening Service
 tonight.

"Evening Vespers"--KTKN--9:45--every night.

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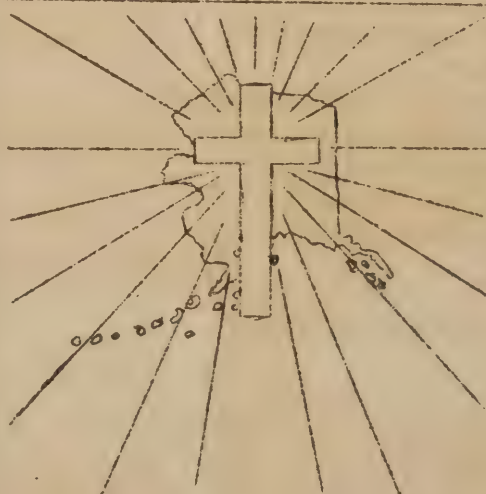
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Eleven O'clock

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PIANO PRELUDE Miss Vivian Naimy
CALL TO WORSHIP
DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION, and THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE GLORIA
RESPONSIVE READING "Fatherly Goodness" No.298
HYMN "Old Hundred" No.286
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
MORNING PRAYER
"How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me" Mrs. Whitfield
MORNING OFFERTORY
Offertory---Miss Naimy
Presentation-Prayer of Dedication
HYMN "Majestic Sweetness" No.264
SERMON: "The Lie Primeval"
HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" No.232
BENEDICTION MOMENT OF SILENCE

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"Evening Vespers"--KTKM--9:45--every night.

EVENING WORSHIP

Piano Prelude
Doxology
Hymn 135
Hymn 168
Reading of the Scripture
Evening Prayer
Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 186
Sermon by the Pastor
Hymn 190
Benediction

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3:45 Junior Girl's Club, Miss Giblin,
(Leader)
Thursday
7:00 Women's Missionary Society
Sunday
6:45 Junior Christian Endeavor

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held at 8:30 P.M. Sunday, March 28th. All members and friends are invited and urged to attend. The terms of Elders George Eaton and Mrs. Reese have expired. There will be an election of elders to fill these vacancies in the session.

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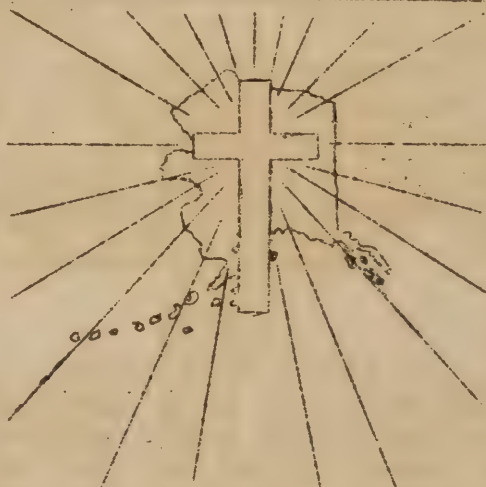
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DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE GLORIA
RESPONSIVE READING "Source of Wisdom" No. 307
HYMN "Come Thou Almighty King" No. 252
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
MORNING PRAYER
"Beside Still Waters" The Women's Chorus
MORNING OFFERTORY

Offertory--Miss Naimy

Presentation- Prayer of Dedication

HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" No. 227

SERMON: "Is This A Friendly Earth"

HYMN "He Hideth My Soul" (verses 1, 4) No. 17

BENEDICTION, MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Friend

You enter this church

Not as a stranger, but as a **guest** of God. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who in the name of Jesus Christ builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessing on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labor, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in.

We appreciate the kindness and service of KTKN in broadcasting our services this morning. Our next broadcast--Easter Sunday.

EVENING WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Doxology

Hymn

Hymn

Reading of the Scripture

Evening Prayer

Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Sermon by the Pastor

Hymn

Benediction

Moment of Silence

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Tuesday: 7:30 Junior Choir

Wednesday: 3:45 The Junior Girl's Club

7:30 Senior Choir Practice

Thursday: 7:00 Women's Missionary Society

Sunday: 6:30 Junior Christian Endeavor

There will be a meeting of the Session at 7:00 tonight. The Evening Service at 7:30 will be followed by the annual Congregational Meeting. There will be election of elders. All friends and members are asked to be present.

The Presbytery of Alaska will convene in Juneau, April 1st. Mrs. James Leask will represent the women of this church. The elder who will be our delegate will be elected tonight.

The Rev. Mr. Beck will fill the pulpit next Sunday in the absence of the pastor. We appreciate his kindness and know that this arrangement will be especially pleasing to everyone.

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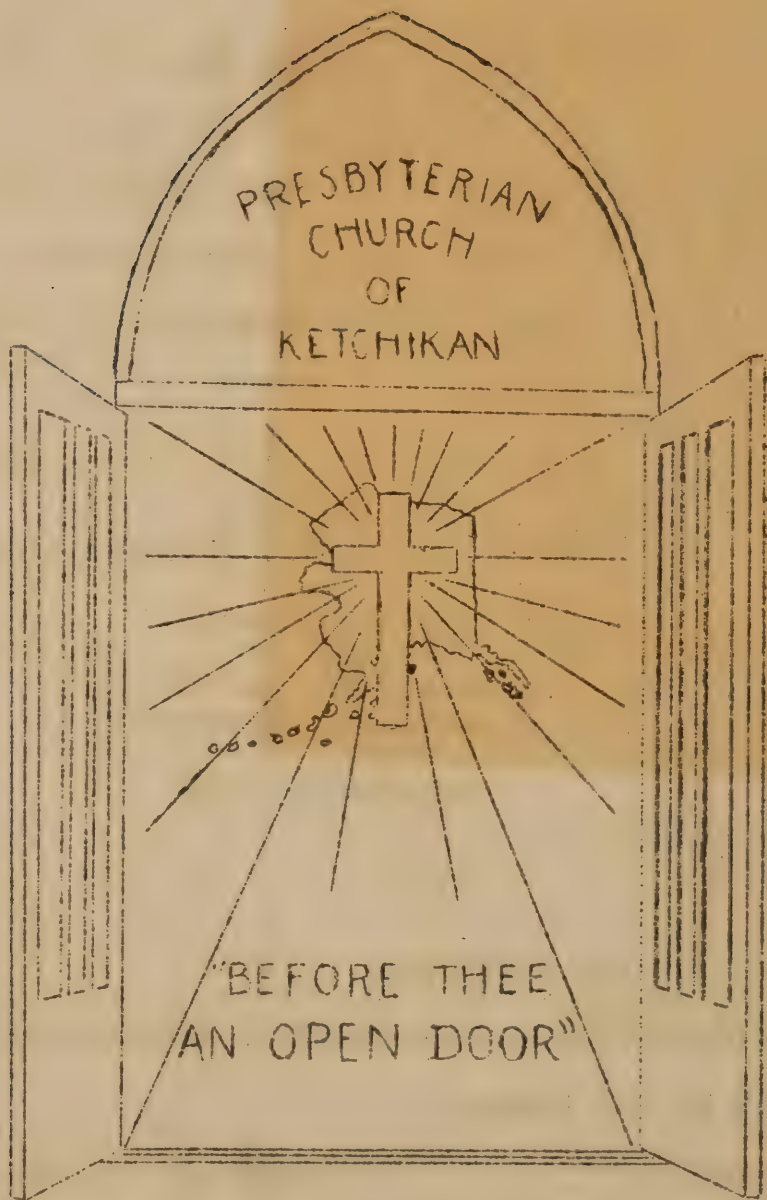
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James H. 1872



SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1943
Eleven O'clock
The Order of Service

PIANO PRELUDE Miss Vivian Naimy
CALL TO WORSHIP
DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER
THE GLORIA
RESPONSIVE READING "The Beatitudes" No. 299
HYMN "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" No. 251
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
MORNING PRAYER
ANTHEM "The Holy City" The Women's Chorus
MORNING OFFERTORY
 Offertory--Miss Naimy
 Presentation-Prayer of Dedication
HYMN "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST" No. 235
SERMON: "Thunder, Angels, or God?"
HYMN "FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS" No. 197
BENEDICTION, MOMENT OF SILENCE

EVENING SERVICE

Piano Prelude
Doxology
Hymn
Hymn
Reading of the Scripture
Evening Prayer
Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication
Hymn
Sermon by the Pastor
Hymn
Benediction Moment of Silence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 7:30 p.m., "The Pioneers"
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Senior Choir Practice

The GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:30 p.m. There will be the reception of new members, and the Candlelight Communion Service.

The services of EASTER SUNDAY will begin with an early morning Devotional Service at 7 a.m. The Choir will sing the "Chorale from Finlandia". Following the service there will be a Fellowship Breakfast for all those present.

DIVINE WORSHIP at 11 a.m. will feature the anthem, "Unfold, Ye Portals" by the Choir. This service will be broadcast by station KTKN. The observance of Easter Day will be closed with Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.

In regard to church flowers, the Session has decided that we will depend upon individuals to share their flowers by bringing them to the church for Easter services. And that the funds which would have been given by individuals for church flowers, be used instead to begin the fund for the complete painting of the church as the repair work is done. So give your contribution to any church official or Mr. Sautier.

The new Hymnals are here and await you on the table by the doorway. They will be dedicated and first used at the early Easter Service. Our sincere thanks to all who made them possible.

The Session will meet Friday, 7:00 p.m. to receive new members. Consider the invitation of this church to unite with it. If your stay is indefinite, ask the pastor about "affiliate membership". We will be glad to hear from you in regard to membership in this church.

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Easter

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SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1943
SEVEN O'CLOCK
THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

PIANO PRELUDE

HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 3

PRAYER IN UNISON:

O God, Father Almighty, the true Light that
lighteth every man, we thank thee for thy abundant
goodness which manifests itself so constantly in
our lives. Open wide the windows of our spirits
that we may be filled with thy light. Open wide
the doors of our hearts, that we may receive and
entertain thee with all our powers of worship and
of love, through Christ our Lord, in whose Name
we pray:-Amen.

HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" No. 190

DEDICATION OF THE HYMNALS

THE OFFERING

Congregation rises for the doxology as the
offering is presented.

ANTHEM "Chorale From Finlandia" The Choir

"THE CHALLENGE OF EASTER" The Pastor

HYMN "Spirit of God" (verses 1, 2) No. 204

BENEDICTION

THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK
THE EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GLORIA

RESPONSIVE READING No. 5

HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" No. 163

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM "Unfold, Ye Portals" The Choir

MORNING OFFERTORY

Offertory-"Chorale From Finlandia" The Choir
Prayer of Dedication

HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" No. 208

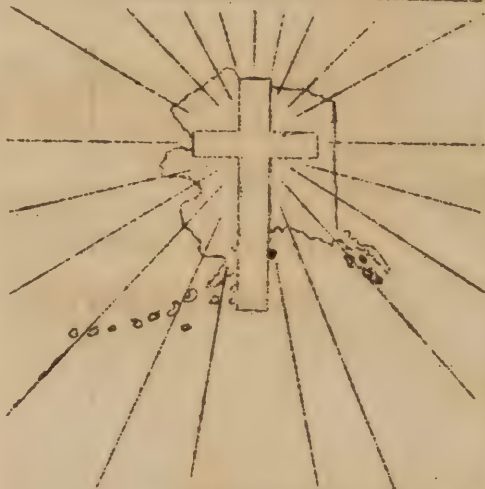
SERMON: "THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST"

HYMN "Immortal Love" No. 178

BENEDICTION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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"BEFORE THEE
AN OPEN DOOR"

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 1943

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

The Order of Service

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOXOLOGY, INVOCATION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GLORIA

RESPONSIVE READING

NO. 22

HYMN "All Hail the Power"

No. 192

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

MORNING PRAYER

MORNING OFFERTORY

Offertory

Presentation-Prayer of Dedication

HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 362

SERMON: "COMPULSORY FAITH"

HYMN "Jesus Calls Us"

No. 223

BENEDICTION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

EVENING SERVICE

Piano Prelude

Doxology

Hymn

Hymn

Reading of the Scripture

Evening Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Reception of new members

Offering of our gifts--Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Sermon by the Pastor

Hymn

Benediction

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(Program meeting of the month)

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The following have been received into the membership of this church: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hilleary, Mrs. Blanch Ohneck, Mrs. David B. Harris, John Swink, Jr., Ruby Eaton, and Esther James. We are pleased to welcome them to our fellowship.

At the Evening Service, Miss Geraldine Holliwood will be received into the membership of this church.

Where is my Kingdom? I would be a King!
Yet kingdoms are not made by conquering,
Nor kings and queens by questioning and
wondering.

Kingdoms are bought by yearning and burning
Of body and bruising of breast.
This is the test and this only,
For kings and queens to be--only:
Have you the substance? Are you free?
How much can you suffer? How far can you see?

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June 16, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. James W. Hall
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Jimmie:

Enclosed you will find our treasurer's check for \$187.91, representing the grant that the Board is making to the Ketchikan Church for painting the entire building. You asked for \$100.00, but I am sending \$187.91, thinking that no doubt you will have a place to use this extra amount of money in redecorating the church. Even if you do not use it for the painting of the outside of the building. All that I ask is that you send me an itemized statement or receipted bills of the expenditure of the \$187.91. I shall also appreciate it if you will send me a statement relative to the repair work that has been in progress, or has been completed there at Ketchikan.

Here is also another matter that is quite important. It has to do with the present relationship that exists between our Church at Ketchikan and the Methodist Church there in Ketchikan. You wrote to me several months ago inquiring whether or not there had been any agreement made about our Church serving only the natives. I searched through the records and found no such agreement, and notified you accordingly.

Since that time, the Home Missions Council Committee on Alaska has had several meetings looking forward to working out new comity agreements for the whole territory. Much discussion was given to the situation in Ketchikan. So until we reach some definite agreement, I feel that it will be best for you not to encourage the interest of the whites in our Ketchikan Church.

The Methodist Church is loudly protesting the present activities in which you have been engaged. Personally I do not feel that any real harm has yet been done, but in order that we may play the game with all parties concerned, I know that you will guard your services in the future until some definite word has been agreed upon by the Home Missions Council.

Give my love to Ruth and I hope her Mother has been able to make the journey.

Cordially yours,

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Ketchikan, Alaska
July 8, 1943

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett,

Perhaps you have heard the news--William Wallace Hall arrived July 1st in fine condition. Ruth is fine, and we're all very happy. Mrs. Clark is here and we surely have appreciated her presence. The hospital is crowded and so the family came home after only five days. "W.W." isn't talking yet but he makes his wants known.

We appreciate the Board's grant to us to be used in reconditioning the exterior of the church. I think we will raise our share of it with little difficulty.

However as far as the progress of work is concerned, the report is short--no progress. The only contractors available, MacGillvray Brothers, ~~are~~ ^{are} thoroughly reliable and dependable but they are swamped with work, most of it government work under priority, and in the few instances when they could have started, the weather has been against us with a downpour.

I am hoping that we will be able to get started in another ten days or so, and all indications would seem to bear that out. It has rained for about two weeks now, and is due for a let up soon, Ruth will be well enough to stand the confusion of move out, and the builders are planning to start then.

We are proceeding without too much inconvenience. Our quarters are a little cramped, but the roof is not leaking much and the building is no worse for the delay.

In regard to the Home Council Discussions--and the protest of the Methodist Church regarding the "present activities in which I am engaged", I can only say that I do not know what they can find in my activities to protest about, unless they have been given a very distorted view of the situation and of my activities. With the exception of the young woman who directed our choir last year I have not asked one white person to come to this church for any occasion. To those who ask me if they are welcome here my answer has been that all are welcome here. If they have come it has been because they wished to do so, not because of any special activity on my part. As long as they wish to come I will give them welcome.

Mr. W. W. Hall

I have given no publicity to your statement that there was no agreement, but have used it only as a foundation for a welcome for those who ask me if they may come if they wish.

As to extending the comity agreement to Ketchikan--- Of course that which is best for the whole Alaskan program is that which should be done. I cannot guarantee that the white attendance here will ever be important enough to let it become an issue. But I do feel that there is a place here for Presbyterians, and that it can be a joint work. Also from the practical angle--a few whites in the church can make a very appreciable difference in the attendance and the budget of that church. With the dozen or so white people who have joined this church, and those several others who come, we have surpassed any previous receipts. If, and it is a first class IF, the white membership and attendance increase as they have done this past year, this church within a year could rebate 15 to 20% of the amount given it by the board.

I am confident that your efforts are and will be for the best future of the work. And as for myself, I too can only do that which seems best.

Hope all goes well with you. Would like to be at the camp meetings with you all. Be looking for you this fall.

Sincerely,

Jim

P.S. Enclosed is Spruance report

EXCERPT FROM LETTER DATE JULY 8, 1943 to DR. EVERETT B. KING
FROM REV. MR. JAMES W. HALL,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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July 26, 1943

AIRMAIL

Mr. James W. Hall
Ketchikan,
Alaska

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your good letter of July 8. I have just returned from a trip in New Mexico with your dad, and when I met him, the first information that he gave me was that he had become another grandfather as of July 1. I am happy over the report, and am delighted that Ruth is doing so well.

Please give William Wallace a cordial welcome into this world from me and give Ruth my love.

As soon as you are able to give me any definite report about the work on repairing the property, please do so. I understand full well the difficulty you are facing and shall trust you to do the very best that you can. It was good to have the statement you made relative to the policy that you are following in regard to the white population in Ketchikan. I have made a copy of this paragraph in your letter and am sending it on to Dr. Dawber for his information and consolation.

Thanks for the report about the Saxman field. When you have time, I wish you would write me a little bit more in detail about what has happened to the Saxman work. As you know, we have had plans calling for the erection of a chapel there at Saxman since the old building burned. What do you think about carrying through with this plan? Do you feel that we have any possibilities for the future in that territory? Give me your definite reaction, together with any facts that you may have.

Due to the fact that my office force is not up to par, I was not able to attend the cowboy camp meetings in New Mexico this year. You know how this hurt my heart.

Cordially yours,

EBK:is

January 6, 1944

AIR MAIL

The Rev. James W. Hall
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hall:

We have had a report from Miss Helen Dawson concerning the insurance collected as a result of the fire in the church at Ketchikan. In your letter of October 31, you stated that the estimate of the damage was about \$2500.00, but that the contractor felt that it might cost a little more.

We have received from the insurance company the sum of \$1125.06. Our Board has also made a grant of \$500.00 to be added to this amount to care for these repairs. This is not available, as such as we have a report that the work has been completed and the bill is presented.

If the final bill is more than this, we shall have to make other arrangements for its payment. We are wondering if it would be possible for the people of the Ketchikan Church to raise enough funds to make up the difference, or if not, then we shall have to go back to the Board and ask for an additional amount to cover the balance of the bill.

We shall await a report from you on this matter as soon as possible, so that we may know how the situation stands.

Miss Dawson is raising the question about the insurance on the church building. We are carrying \$9000.00 on the church and manse. The Board's policy is to cover 100% of the replacement value. Is \$9000.00 sufficient for this?

We unders and from Dr. Kaefer that the check for \$550.00 toward the purchase price of a building to provide additional facilities for your church has been sent to you. It is our understanding that this building was to cost \$1250.00. No provision has been

Mr. Hall

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January 6, 1944

made as far as we know for the insurance on this building. We would appreciate a report from you on this matter, so that it can be cared for immediately.

We trust your work is going well, and you are having great encouragement in the development of the spiritual life of your people. It is my hope to have the privilege of seeing you sometime this spring or summer.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

ELJ/mk

January 11, 1944

AIR MAIL

The Rev. James W. Hall
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hall:

I have just come from a meeting of the Alaska Committee in the Home Missions Council and my ire has risen through the discussion in that meeting. The situation at Ketchikan was called in question and considerable doubt was thrown upon the good work which you are doing there. In order to have a clear understanding of this problem, I want to ask you briefly for some information.

I find in the correspondence from you a statement which indicates that you are following the Comity Agreement. You are familiar with the ruling that the Methodist Church was to be the church for the white people, and our church was to be the church that would minister to the Indians. In your fine program there, it appears that a number of white people have been attracted to your work and are attending your services. We are glad that you are having such a good program that people want to come and assure you that we would not ask you to turn anyone away from our church, or any part of its activities.

The charge was made in the meeting this morning that you are inviting and urging as many white people, including Methodists, that you can to come to your church. A statement was made to the effect that you had said that you would not change your policy regardless of any direction which might come to you from the Board or under the Comity Agreement.

I have defended you in the meeting, and feel sure that you are playing the game in the right way. It would be helpful to me if I might have a simple direct statement from you as to your policy. Please remember that I am asking for this without prejudice, and with the idea of giving you full support in your work in accordance with the Comity Agreement.

I leave tomorrow to go to the Southwest and expect to spend sometime

Rev. Hall

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January 11, 1944

with your Dad. It is going to be a privilege to have a closer knowledge of all of your family.

Cordially yours,

JBJ/mk

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated January 10, 1944

Box 46
Ketchikan, Alaska
January 17, 1944

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I,appreciated your letter concerning the Comity agreemant situa-
tion. You ask for a simple direct statement of my policy--gladly, but
first perhaps just a word of background from my angle.

When I first came here we had two white members in the church--
one a fisherman, the other the commercial teacher at the High School.
Before my coming here I was not informed that the Comity agreement was
in effect here, though of course I was told that our church was a
church for the native people. It is known throughout town as a "native
church", and I was told by several people in the town, that native
people went to this church, and that white Presbyterians were sup-
posed to go to the Methodist Church. I was not interested in any
people who were in the Methodist Church, Presbyterian or not. And
since race prejudice is strong here, I did not intend to embarrass
any white people by asking them to attend a "native Church". However,
after a few months several white people gradually began attending our
services, and at about this time the Methodist minister renewed his
insistence, especially to newcomers in town, that all whites were not
to go here, but to his church. Therefore,,I asked Rev. Mr. Beck, my
predecessor and a man who has spent forty years or so in Alaska Pres-
bytery,if there was any such agreement. My answer was an emphatic
"No." At that time I also wrote Dr. King, asking him if there was
any agreement on file. He replied that as far as any records he could
find were concerned,that the agreement was "in the minds of the Meth-
odist brethren". I have never made that reply public, nor used it as
an appeal. However, then in all good faith, I received several white
people into the membership of this church, but only yhen after they
had been regular members of the congregation for some time.

It was about this time I think, that pressure was brought to
bear in the Home Missions Council, and Dr. King, still not recog-
nizing any agreement, did write to me and ask me to act with caution
as he felt that possibly the situation inethe North might be jeopard-
ized. I think possibly you have my answer on file. I wrote to him
explaining the situation, and giving my policy. It was only after I
received his word of resignation and after he had left the office,
that I received a letter from Dr. Morse saying that our Board did
recognize the agreement and asking me to adhere to it.

In the light of all this, including Dr. Morse's letter, my cons-
cience is quite clear. The white people who come to this church,

come on their own initiative, and because they wish to do so. I have never called on white people and asked them to come to this church. I have asked four white people, none of them Methodist locally, none of them Methodist at all to my knowledge, to come to this church, and in each case they were asked to come expressly to help us musically, to fill a direct need, that we were seemingly unable to fill from amongst our congregation. I have asked no other white people to come to our church. When they have come, as they have, I have welcomed them, no differently than I would any native indian, and only occasionally have I even asked them to come again, feeling that if they wanted to, they would do so.

To my knowledge we do not have any people as members of this church who have a recent Methodist background. In fact I rather alienated one person who had been a regular attendant at our services for a year by not asking her to join our church, since she was a member of the local Methodist Church, and I did not feel it was wise for her to transfer to this church. The Methodist minister thanked me for that, a fact he no doubt neglected to mention in his charges. I could put in it more direct language, but I think it suffices to say that I do not think the Methodist minister, or the church, can name any white people, other than those I have mentioned, that I have asked to attend this church. One woman did say the other day in my presence, that I had asked her to come to this church but that she didn't feel "good enough". That was her expression whatever it means. She does attend the Methodist church, I have never asked her to come here, and if ~~my~~ I may say so, I am most happy that she does not come here. Perhaps it is on some such basis that he makes his charges.

My policy is this: This church has an open door. All are welcome who come here to worship. I ask no white people to come, and very few native people. People come; if they wish, they come again. When I extend an invitation to unite with this church, it is a general public invitation, those who are interested approach me.

To my mind, this is in accordance with any agreement. I think our Methodist brethren will agree that one cannot coerce worship.

Please understand that I am fully aware of the importance of co-operation and the Comity agreements. I have tried to act with tact and with utmost caution. There are other fields more important than this, and I heartily wish to see the larger program go forward.

I have said and say again, that I will not turn any person, white or black, away from the door of this church. I have said that to the Methodist minister, and perhaps it is on this that he bases his statement that I have declared that I will not change my policy regardless of the Board or the Comity agreement.

I am open for your suggestions. I do feel that I will never ask these white people who come here to leave this church. I do wish to co-operate with the program of our Board. If we cannot see things in quite the same light, then I am at your service, and will most happy to turn

this field over to someone else.

I hope that you had an enjoyable trip to the Southwest. We think it is fine country, and find ourselves almost envying you the opportunity of being there. After more than 165 inches of rain this past year, the Southwest and our native sunshine sound wonderfully fine.

Thank you for taking the attitude you have in this matter. I have tried to present the matter from my viewpoint, but also keeping to the objective facts. Forgive me if my statements seem too positive, but I am beginning to have some quite healthy reactions to some angles of this problem.

I do not want to go into personalities, but perhaps if I tell you that some of the men who have been pillars of the Methodist church for twenty years have this past year dropped their church activities, and that a majority of that church's Official Board asked the present minister to seek another charge this past summer, and that he refused to do so, then perhaps it will be easier to understand the situations as a whole.

In order that my statements may be correct, may I make this correction which has just come to mind. One of the four white persons that I asked to attend this church was the newly arrived high school music teacher. I asked him to direct our choir. The previous Sunday he had attended the Methodist Church. I suggested he talk with the Methodist pastor, think it over, and give us his answer. He talked with the pastor, and decided to remain at the Methodist church, where he is now Choir director. The matter is closed, and I think our action was fair. But I wanted to have the record straight.

Whenever you can make it, we will be happy to welcome you to Ketchikan.

Sincerely,

James W. Hall.

MAY 17 1944

Alaska Hwy

Ketchikan, Alaska
May 9, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you for your kind letter. We enjoyed your brief stay with us and hope that fortune will provide us another opportunity to have you as our guest, and next time for more of a visit. I'm sure you'll not be offended if I tell you that your check, dated April 28th, has been consigned to its proper place, the waste-basket. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

// We are planning to get away on June 26th, that is if we can ever get everything ready by that time. The new man coming in will find plenty to do. The recreation center will be opened, and running, but there will be many finishing touches yet needed.

> The church has been painted, and now looks much better. It is in relatively good shape throughout now, and should need but very little work done on it through the next two or three years. However, the carpenters tell me that it will need to have complete new siding in three years at the most. Some of the covering boards are very rotten now, but with putty and paint they will do that much more time. They suggest, and I heartily concur, that this time we use asbestos shingles. These will be impervious to weather, and will not need painting, and the original cost is approximately the same as that of new siding.

< We have been able to clear all accounts with McGillvray Brothers, including the bill of \$109.15 which was the amount due beyond the \$300 grant made by the board for the extra repairs. I will leave the church books in the hands of the Clerk of the Session, who will act as treasurer until the new man arrives. We will have a bank account sufficiently large to care for the utilities, etc.

Dad tells me that Betty is considering doing some other work this summer, in order, I think, to acquire a bit more independence in her work and responsibility. I think she is planning to do this because she knows I will be home to help him. I will be doing that anyway, and do not want you to feel that I will expect to be put on a salary basis. The arrangement we made, tentatively, in regard to a part time work will

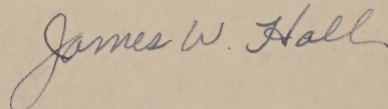
be satisfactory to me. And I leave that to you and "ad to work out, and only then if you wish to do so.

Am enclosing one of the folders we have gotten out for the Young People's Conference. We are having difficulty getting a boat from this end of the field. Our prospects for delegates are good, in fact almost too good, for it means an extremely crowded boat if the "SJS II" has to make the whole trip and carry all the delegates. The only boat willing to go, so far, asks \$200. and expenses, which would reach about \$310---and that is now our total budget for both boats. And that price is still reasonable considering the time of year. We have one other possibility, and that is that the cannery I worked for will let us have a boat at a very reasonable rate, "Bare boat" charter, meaning that I would have to skipper it. And that is a bit more than I bargained for. However they are working the boats already and they are not sure that they can let us have it for ten days or so. So, we're still very uncertain about our transportation. Surely hope that by next year we will have the "Princeton-Hall" in our service.

I'm planning on going into the Chaplaincy. McCormick has gone on a new quarter system, the first quarter ending Nov. 6th. I think I will have time to complete that at least before being called, and intend to try it. That will give me a little more of a scholastic contact, and will mean that I will have a chance to get in enough work to get credit for it. After I come out, I hope to spend at least a full year in school, and perhaps that can be done at Princeton. Thank you for your interest and your efforts in my behalf,

Hope to see sometime this summer or fall.

Sincerely,



James W. Hall

JUN 19 1944

Alaska Hwy

Ketchikan, Alaska
June 12, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Afraid I have rather let your correspondence pile up on my desk, but I really haven't been home enough to catch up these past few weeks. Our boy's club made a five day trip, and we returned just in time to get off for conference. The conference was a success, we had a much larger delegation than anyone expected, sixty-seven in all. They were a fine group of young people, and co-operated in every way. We had about the same number of whites and natives, and we can be sure that these conference associations are a long step forward in making for better relationships between these groups in the years to come.

Mr Yaw and I left Sitka Sunday night, June 5th, with the students for Juneau, Haines, and Skagway. Returned to Sitka at 5:00 a.m. Wednesday to pick up the southbound group, and left at 1:00 with 34 aboard. Had a good trip all the way and arrived here at 7:00 Friday morning. The "SJS II" served us nobly, carrying all our delegates outside of Sitka to the conference.

In regard to the Insurance on the Recreational Building, the bank here informs me that the insurance policy was sent with the title of the building to Dr. A.B. Keeler. As I remeber, the policy was ~~an~~three year basis and ^{had}two years yet to go, expiring in 1946. It was for \$1000.00 and was paid in full. I think it was issued locally, but the bank has no record of it now, and it should be there somewhere in the Board files. I think we would be wise to take out at least another thousand on the building, and I should think it would be well the handle it through the Board's blanket policy arrangement. When the present policy expires it will probably be cheaper to renew it through the Board also.

copy to

Miss

Lawrence

As the need for recreational facilities diminishes here in the summer, I think it is best that we leave the building closed until my successor arrives. There is yet some finishing work to be done, but it should not require more than a week or so to put in shape.

I will leave the church books, keys, and finances in charge of the clerk of our session, Mr. Clarence Dundas, and I suggest his name as the one to whom any correspondence may be addressed.

Just today we have had some developments in the matter of supplying the pulpit throughout the summer. The Chaplain here at the base, Robert Pfefangle, is a Presbyterian, U.S., a fine man and

A good preacher. We have worked out the scheme of combining his service at the base with our Morning Service. His attendance there is relatively small, and he feels that he would be rendering a larger service through filling our pulpit for the next few weeks. He expects to be here and available for this until September first, though of course, he is subject to orders at any time. Mr. Beck is still at Annette and is not available. I am pleased with the prospect. I think Pirangle is the only man in town who will maintain the spirit and atmosphere in which our church has grown these past years. This arrangement is not definite yet, and will not be until he has cleared it with the Coast Guard Commander, but we do expect it to work out. I hope that this will prove satisfactory to you, and I will let you know as soon as there is anything definite to report.

A 300.00 sent 6/19/44
We hope to leave about the 25th of this month and arrive home soon after July 1st. I have neglected to write for the travel funds. If the \$200.00 is still available we shall surely appreciate it. I wonder if it will have time to reach here before I leave. If you think not, perhaps you could send it to me at Dad's address in New Mexico. I can make arrangements until then all right. I will ship my freight collect and send the bills if that will be satisfactory to you.

do not know
While Mr. Yaw was in Ketchikan we met with Mr. Swogger concerning the Metlakatla situation, and as Moderator of Presbytery, I was asked to write to you concerning it. I confess that I am at a loss to understand fully why all the excitement has arisen. As with all Metlakatla situations, it is confused and complex. I suppose that I haven't been here long enough to understand the Indian viewpoint. I think Mr. Swogger has written you in detail, but there are two main points I think worthy of your consideration. First, the Metlakatla Presbyterian people feel that this matter should be settled definitely. That the question of whether or not there is to be a Presbyterian Church in Metlakatla should be answered now, once and for all, and not left as a question suspended above them. There are definite possibilities that in a very few years the church can become self-supporting. They have raised a large sum for the installation of a new heating plant, church repairs, and a new organ. When this program is over, they will be in a position to contribute a substantially larger amount to the Board, and under Mr. Swogger's leadership they may very well go on to self-support. I would suggest that the Board establish its position on the grounds that as long as there is a Presbyterian group in Metlakatla who show by their interest and support that they desire a Presbyterian Church the Board will do its utmost to provide that church. A Union movement that does not find its origin and support in the people it proposes to unite cannot be an organic union. It would seem that they are justified in desiring definite assurance of the Board's support as long as they are worthy of that support.

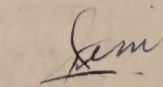
Secondly, Presbyterian standing in the community is largely at stake in the unfortunate matter of the rumored letters. I may be partly responsible for this. I did say to Mr. Ted Benson when asked why all this had arisen that Mr. Schmidt had been writing letters asking that the Presbyterian Church be withdrawn, or suggesting that

it be withdrawn. I believe that is the truth, but perhaps it was unwise to say so. However, as to where the "letters in your pocket, from Schmidt to the Board" arose is a mystery to me. As perhaps Mr. Swogger told you there are two factions in the session of Mr. Schmidt's church. One group works against the Presbyterians, or "the other church". The second group is inclined to be co-operative, believing that there is room enough for both and a need for both. When this matter of the letters came up they ^(the latter) asked Mr. Schmidt if had written any such letters. His reply was an emphatic denial. Now the Duncan Church people say "The Presbyterians are all liars", and it has become rather a pore point with the Presbyterians. As I understand it, Mr. Schmidt did make some rather ^{definite} statements regarding the Presbyterian Church and its place in the community. Whether these were made to his trustees, or to the Home Missions Council I do not know, but that he has made them is evident, else there would not have been pressure brought to bear on the Presbyterians. If any of these statements are included in the Missions Council report, it would seem that it would not be violating any confidences to release a copy of that report to the Metlakatla Church since it concerns them, and is the report of a non-partisan group. If they were sent only to you, then perhaps there is a question of ethics there that must be considered. However, in any case, may I urge you to give the Metlakatla church your full support in this matter. There have been statements made; perhaps Mr. Schmidt's denial was directed at a particular charge and thus is true, but the people have chosen to impart to it the quality of a general denial of all statements concerning the Presbyterians, and thus the Presbyterians are "on the spot". All of this is to be regretted, but we are in it now, and I feel that we have the obligation to present the facts as briefly and directly as possible, in order that we may put a stop to hearsay and rumor, clear up the question, and get on with our work in Metlakatla.

I have tried to sum up the general conclusions of our conference together, and do feel that we will to large extent reflect the attitude of Presbytery in the matter. I will send Mr. Swogger a copy of this part of my letter so that he may know what I have said. I do not pretend to have his understanding and grasp of the situation, and there may be some things he will want to say that I have omitted.

Mr. Yaw as Registrar and acting treasurer of Conference will no doubt be writing to you in regard to the grant the Board made for conference, as we will need it to balance our accounts. Thank you for it and for all you have done.

Sincerely,


James W. Hall